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Steven R. Meyer  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

Our Assistant Attorney General Brian Buchholz carefully reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Inland Empire Natural Resources Youth Camp and the Upper Grant Conservation District.

He concluded that the described educational activities do not appear to be consistent with those authorized by the RCW 89.08.220(2). He is not aware of any other statutes authorizing conservation districts to provide financial support to the youth organizations. The provision of such assistance is prohibited by Article VIII, section 7 of the Washington State Constitution as a gift of public funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex E. Johnson".

Alexandra E. Johnson, CPA

cc: Brian Buchholz  
Jan Jutte

